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For : System for Processing Substrate with Liquid

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir :

A response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2004 is due by April 8, 2004.

The Action required restriction among Groups I-IV, as follows:

- Group I of claims 1-3, drawn to a system for processing a substrate, classified in class 134, subclass 201;
- Group II of claims 4-8, drawn to a system for processing a substrate, classified in class 134, subclass 58R;
- Group III of claims 9-12, drawn to a system for processing a substrate, classified in class 134, subclass 58R; and.
- Group IV of claims 13-24, drawn to a system for processing a substrate, classified in class 134, subclass 186.

Applicants hereby elect Group IV of claims 13-24, drawn to a system for processing a substrate, classified in class 134, subclass 186, for prosecution in this application.

Applicants reserve the right to file divisional application(s) for the non-elected claims in due course. Applicants submit that this application now is in condition for examination on the merits and early action in that regard is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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